

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-12 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

a planned start time setting unit setting a planned start time of a schedule in ~~correspondence with~~ using a base time and an offset from the base time;

a planned start time storing unit storing the set planned start time; and

a schedule execution controlling unit controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing unit, wherein the base time having a base time name and said schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules using one or more base time names.

2. (currently amended) The schedule execution managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising .

a planned start time changing unit changing a planned start time of a schedule which uses a changed base time ~~name in correspondence with~~ using the changed base time ~~after being changed~~ and the offset, when the base time is changed, and rewriting the planned start time stored in said planned start time storing unit.

3. (currently amended) A schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising: a planned start time setting unit setting a

planned start time of a first schedule ~~in correspondence with~~ using an end time of a ~~different second~~ schedule having a dependency on the schedule, and an offset from the end time, wherein the first schedule having a dependency on the second schedule;

a planned start time storing unit storing the set planned start time; and

a schedule execution controlling unit controlling an execution start of the first schedule by

referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing unit.

4. (currently amended) The schedule execution managing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

a planned start time changing unit changing the planned start time of the first schedule having the dependency on the ~~different second~~ schedule ~~in correspondence with~~ using the changed end time ~~after being changed~~ and the offset ~~from the end time~~, when the end time of the ~~different second~~ schedule is changed, and rewriting the planned start time stored in said planned start time storing unit.

5. (currently amended) A schedule execution managing method managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

setting a planned start time of a schedule ~~in correspondence with~~ using a base time and an offset from the base time;

storing the set planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing the stored planned start time, wherein the base time having a base time name and said schedule execution managing method managing execution of one or more schedules using one or more base time names.

6. (currently amended) The schedule execution managing method according to claim 5, further comprising:

resetting a planned start time of a schedule which uses a changed base time name ~~in correspondence with~~ using the changed base time and the offset ~~from the base time~~, when the base time is changed;

storing the reset planned start time; and controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing the stored planned start time.

7. (currently amended) A schedule execution managing method managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

setting a planned start time of a first schedule ~~in correspondence with~~ using an end time of a ~~different second~~ schedule ~~having a dependency on the schedule~~, and an offset from the end time, wherein the first schedule having a dependency on the second schedule;

storing the set planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the first schedule by referencing the stored planned start time.

8. (currently amended) The schedule execution managing method according to claim 7, further comprising:

resetting the planned start time of the first schedule having the dependency on the ~~different second schedule the end time of which is changed, in correspondence with~~ using the end time after ~~being changed~~ change and the offset from the end time, when the end time of the ~~different second schedule~~ is changed;

storing the reset planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the first schedule by referencing the stored planned start time.

9. (currently amended) A computer- readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process for managing execution of one more schedules, said process comprising:

setting a planned start time of a schedule ~~in correspondence with~~ using a base time and an offset from the base time:

storing the set planned start time; and controlling an execution start. of the schedule by referencing the stored planned start time, wherein the base time having a base time name and said process for managing execution of one or more schedules using one or more base time names.

10. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process for managing execution of one or more schedules, said process comprising:

setting a planned start time of a first schedule ~~in correspondence with~~ using an end time of a ~~different second schedule having a dependency on the schedule,~~ and an offset from the end time, wherein the first schedule having a dependency on the second schedule;

storing the set planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the first schedule by referencing the stored planned start time.

11. (currently amended) A schedule execution managing apparatus managing

execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

planned start time setting means for setting a planned start time of a schedule in ~~correspondence with~~ using a base time and an offset from the base time; planned start time storing means for storing the set planned start time; and

schedule execution controlling means for controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing means, wherein the base time having a base time name and said schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules using one or more base time names.

12. (currently amended) A schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

planned start time setting means for setting a planned start time of a first schedule in ~~correspondence with~~ using an end time of a ~~different~~ second schedule ~~having a dependency on the schedule~~, and an offset from the end time, wherein the first schedule having a dependency on the second schedule;

planned start time storing means for storing the set planned start time; and

schedule execution controlling means for controlling an execution start of the first schedule by referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing means.